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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Statement is supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-identified application on October 4, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits the accompanying Form PTO-1449 citing additional references relating to the application.

This Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e., before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. In the event that a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed, then this Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and the Commissioner is requested to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750 for the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge any necessary fees to such Deposit Account.

Each reference listed on the enclosed form was first cited in a counterpart European application in a Communication of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report. A copy of the Communication, which is dated November 2, 2004, is enclosed.

A copy of each of the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. Each reference is in the English language.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the citations on the Form PTO-1449 to confirm consideration of each reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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